



**WisDOT/Minority Business Opportunities Committee (MBOC) Meeting
Wednesday, October 20, 2004, 12:00-12:30pm**

People in attendance

Casey Newman, WisDOT BOP

Bobbi Retzlaff, WisDOT, BOP

Omar Abdi, MBOC

Christine Spella, WBRC

Melissa Erikson, McGlinchey & Associates

Robert Browning, Freedom Training Centers

Donna Brown, WisDOT District 2

Dajen M. Bohacek, WMBOC/WBRC

Jennifer Riegenbach, UW-Milwaukee

Kathryn Young, MBOC

Sarit Singhal, SSR

Leni Siker, MBOC

Marjorie Piechowski, Grant Writer

Geary Morales, Innovative Success Solutions

Anne Hlavacka, Reinhart Boerner VanDueren S.C.

Frieda Webb, Milwaukee County

1. Overview of WisDOT's meeting purpose and WisDOT's long-range plan, *Connections 2030*, by WisDOT staff: The meeting began at 12:00. Casey Newman provided an overview of WisDOT's long-range plan *Connections 2030*. WisDOT is seeking input on transportation planning issues from large municipalities and stakeholder groups at this point. *Connections 2030* is scheduled to be completed in 2006.
2. Gathering of input from the MBOC: Discussion focused on the following issues:
 - a. Connections 2030 and regional transportation plans
One member asked whether *Connections 2030* will be representative of regional transportation plans. WisDOT staff noted that a review of regional transportation plans will be part of the *Connections 2030* process, and *Connections 2030* will match the plans as much as possible.
 - b. Funding Sources
Several members noted that *Connections 2030* should describe how the state will pay for the various projects and policies identified in the plan. It was also suggested that if the plan suggests projects be funded on a local level, the project should also be managed at the local level.
 - c. Connections 2030 Telephone Survey
Several questions were asked regarding the *Connections 2030* telephone survey. It was noted that the survey should have also asked if respondents would actually use transportation alternatives.

One member asked what weight WisDOT planners would give to the survey results in preparing the plan. WisDOT staff noted that the survey will be used to help identify the plan's goals and objectives. Staff also noted that the survey is just one tool, along with the stakeholder and large city meetings and other transportation plans.

d. Transportation Centers

A discussion focused on the need for transportation centers to be located in multi-use areas. For example, the center should be close to childcare facilities, health care facilities, and schools. The center should also provide flexible timing of transportation services. Meeting these needs will help improve the attractiveness of the centers, meet the needs of a diverse population, and hopefully increase the number of persons using the centers.